

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A surface protection composition comprising:
a polymer having at least five mole percent, based on the total mole percent of the polymer, of one or more mono- or di-alkyl [substituted and/or unsubstituted] acrylamide monomer units, and
one or more anionic monomers.
wherein said one or more acrylamide monomer units is free of amine linkages in [[the]] side chains.
2. (Currently amended) The surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said acrylamide monomer units have [[has]] at least one amide moiety in the polymer backbone, in the polymer side chains, or in both.
3. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 2, wherein when the amide moiety is in the side chain then the monomer is free of amine linkages.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) The surface protection composition of claim 1, wherein said one or more acrylamide monomer units [further comprising] are selected from the group consisting of N,N dimethylacrylamide, N,N diethylacrylamide, N-isopropylacrylamide, acryloyl morpholin, [[or]] and mixtures thereof.
6. (Previously presented) A substrate treated with the surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said substrate is selected from the group consisting of glass, metal, wood, ceramic, plastic, textile, fabric, leather, fiber glass, cement, dishware, silverware, flooring, tile, concrete, paper, and fiber-board.

7. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer composition comprises at least 30 percent by weight of water.

9-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer further comprises at least 25 mole percent of one or more non-amide monomer(s).

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The surface protection composition of claim [[16]] 1 wherein said anionic monomer is selected from the group consisting of carboxylic acids, di-carboxylic acids, sulfonic acids and phosphonic acids.

18. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer further comprises from 1 to 50 mole percent of one or more hydrophobic monomers.

19. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer further comprises from 0.1 to 20 mole percent of at least one hydroxy alkyl urea monomer.

20. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 1 wherein said polymer composition further comprises from 5 to 70 percent by weight of at least one surfactant.

21. (Previously presented) The surface protection composition of claim 1 further comprising one or more ingredients from the group consisting of surfactants, builders, ion exchangers, alkalies, anticorrosion materials, antiredeposition materials, optical brighteners, fragrances, dyes, chelating agents, enzymes, whiteners, brighteners, antistatic agents, sudsing control agents, solvents, hydrotropes, bleaching agents, perfumes, bleach precursors, water, buffering agents, soil removal agents, soil release agents, softening agents, opacifiers, inert diluents, buffering agents, corrosion inhibitors, graying inhibitors, stabilizers, humectants, antimicrobial agents, and fungicides.
22. (Currently amended) A method of protecting a substrate from environmental factors comprising:
forming a protective polymer composition, said polymer composition having a polymer having at least five mole percent of one or more mono- or di-alkyl acrylamide monomer units, and one or more anionic monomers, wherein said one or more acrylamide monomer[[s]] units is free of amine linkages in side chains; and
applying said protective composition to [[a]] the substrate.
23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said protective composition is applied to said substrate by spraying, immersing and/or brushing.
24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said protective composition is aqueous-based.
25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said protective composition is formulated as a laundry detergent, a dishwasher detergent, a fabric softener, a rinse aid, an anti-wrinkle spray, a hard-surface cleaner/disinfectant, a personal care product, a water-treatment, a concrete additive, or a metal-working fluid.

26. (Currently amended) A surface protection composition comprising:

a polymer having at least five mole percent, based on the total mole percent of the polymer, of one or more amide monomer units and from 0.1 to 20 mole percent of at least one hydroxy alkyl urea monomer,

wherein the amide monomer(s) is free of amine linkages in [[the]] side chains.